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Rome, Dec. 25. N. S.

THE Pope held a Secret Conſiſtory laſt week, in which he thanked the Cardinals for the good Opinion they had of him, which they ſhewed by Electing him to fill the Papal Chair; He repreſented to them at the ſame time, how difficult an Office they had put upon him, and deſired their conſtant Advice and Aſſiſtance to enable him to diſcharge it, in ſuch manner as might be moſt for the Advantage of the Church; He acquainted them, That the Inveſtiture of the Kingdom of *Naples* is demanded of him, as well by the Emperor as by the new King of *Spain*; But that he had yet given no particular Anſwer to either, it being a Matter of great weight, which he would refer to a Congregation to examine; And that in the mean time he had approved of what Signior *Davia*, Nuncio in *Spain*, did, in proteſting againſt that part of the late King's Will which diſpoſed of the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily*, they being Fiefs belonging to the Church of *Rome*. Two days ago the Pope accordingly called together a Congregation of Twenty two Cardinals, who all have been employed in the Miniſtry and as Nuncios abroad, to conſider of this Affair, but their Reſolutions are kept very ſecret. Laſt week the Pope viſited the Four Churches, where Indulgences were diſtributed during the Jubilee; and yeſterday he ended the Jubilee, by ſhutting up the Holy Gate of St. *Peter's* Church; and the like Ceremony was performed at the Church of St. *John de Lateran* by Cardinal *Bouillon* as Dean, at St. *Paul's* by Cardinal *Pamphilio* the Arch-Prieſt, and at St. *Mary's* by Cardinal *Moriggia*, who all had the Title of Legates given them upon this occaſion. The Pope has given 4000 Crowns to the Hoſpital of the *Trinity*, towards defraying the Expences they have been at in entertaining the poor Pilgrims, who came hither on account of the Jubilee. The *Venetian* Ambaſſador has preſented to the Pope the Inſtrument, by which the Senate of *Venice* have admitted his Brother and Nephews into the Body of their Nobility, which was kindly received. The Obſequies of the late King of *Spain* were begun the 23d Inſtant in the Church of St. *James*, in the preſence of the *French* and *Spaniſh* Ambaſſadors, and of all the Cardinals and Prelates, and other perſons of Quality of both Nations.

Mittaw, Decemb. 20. The Letters from *Livonia* ſay, the *Muſcovite* Army is quite diſperſed ſince their late Defeat at *Narva*, and that the King of *Sweden* had thoughts of marching with the greateſt part of his Forces towards *Riga*, in order to retake the *Dunamunder* and the *Kober* Forts, and the Fortreſs of *Kockenhuyſen*, from the *Saxons*.

Warſaw, Decemb. 24. The King of *Poland* has been ſeveral days with the Cardinal Primate at *Lowitz*, and returned hither this day. Prince *Sapieha*, the Great General of *Lithuania*, is ſhortly expected here from *Coningsberg*, and 'tis ſaid the King is reſolved to aſſiſt him againſt the Confederate Nobility of that Dutchy, who ſhew at preſent very little inclination to adjuſt Matters with the Houſe of *Sapieha*, and at a late General Meeting declared, That they have forfeited all their Honours and Dignities, and elected the young Prince *Wiernowsky* to be Great General of *Lithuania* in the Place of Prince *Sapieha*, the Sieur *Oginsky* Lieutenant General of that Dutchy, and Governor of *Wilna*, in the room of the Sieur *Sluſcka*; and the Sieur *Kociel* Great Treaſurer, in the Place of one of Prince *Sapieha's* Brothers. They write from *Pruſſia*, that the General Diet of that Province was aſſembled ſome days ago, and that the Deputies from the Nobility have conſented to a conſiderable Supply to be given for the Payment of the Army of the Crown, but the Deputies from the ſeveral Cities have not yet agreed thereunto.

Stockholm, December 29. The Senate of this Kingdom have received by Expreſs a Letter from the King of *Sweden*, dated at *Narva* the firſt Inſtant, by which His Majeſty acquaints them, That with the Bleſſing of God he has obtained an entire Victory over the Czar of *Muſcovy*, having after a very obſtinate Fight forced his Camp before *Narva*, which was very well intrenched, and totally routed his Army; That the greateſt part of the *Muſcovites* were killed or taken Priſoners, and that among the latter were moſt of the Czar's General Officers; That the *Swedes* took all the Enemy's Artillery, Baggage, Ammunition, and other rich Booty; Of which great Action, a more full and particular Account is daily expected here.

Vienna, January 1. The Regiments of Foot, commanded by Count *Guido* of *Staremberg* and the Count of *Daun*, are marching from *Hungary* towards *Tirol*; And ſeveral other Regiments that are quartered in the Hereditary Countries, will begin their march the ſame way about the middle of this Month; A conſiderable Train of Artillery is provided for the Service of theſe Forces, which together will amount to above 30000 Men, under the Command of Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*; And for this purpoſe ſeveral Pieces of Cannon have been brought hither from *Raab*, and other Places in *Hungary*. A Treaty is concluded with the Biſhop of *Saltzburgh*, who has engaged to furniſh the Imperial Troops with Bread in their Paſſage through his Territories.